

R E A S O N S,

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How much it will be for the Advantage and Ease of the Subject, save a great expence of Money, and give a quick Dispatch to Business, to have the Intended Register to be kept in the several Courts at *Westminster*, and not in the several Counties all over England.

- First,* IF Lands, mentioned in *Settlements, Purchases, Mortgages, &c.* lye in several Counties, (which frequently happen) especially in great *Settlements, &c.* and in *Fee Farm Rents*, which very often lye in Three, Four, or more Counties, then if the Conveyances must be Registered in each County, where every part of the Estate lyes, these inconveniencies unavoidably will follow, there must be then as many Registrings, as there are Counties mentioned in such *Settlements, &c.* which will infinitely multiply the Charge, not only by a repeated Registering thereof, but by the Parties concerned, carrying, or sending the Deeds by Messengers, or otherwise, into the several Counties, to be Registered in each County.
- Second,* That the Repeated Charge of Registering (though the Lands lye in never so many Counties, and at never so great a distance) and the Charge of carrying, or sending Writings by Messengers, or otherwise, (as aforesaid) into the several Counties, to be Registered in each County, will be saved, and the pain and fear of Imbezeling, Damaging, or Losing of Writings, by such sending about, will be also avoided by one single Registering in one of the said Courts at *Westminster*.
- Third,* All *Fynes, Common Recoverys, Judgments, Recognizances* in the nature of a Statute Staple, and other Recognizances, are remaining in some of the Courts at *Westminster*. And therefore the said Courts will be the more Proper Places for Registering Memorials of Conveyances, &c. rather than in the several Counties, where every Estate and Parcel of the Land lyes: That all incumbrances, affecting Land, may be found and seen at the same places, which will also be easy, and cheap for any person having occasion to search for incumbrances.
- Fourth,* The Registering of Conveyances, &c. in the several Counties where each Estate lyes, will be very delatory and troublesome as well as chargeable, every body being obliged, before they can take any Conveyance or Mortgage, &c. to send about into the several Counties, to search if there be no Prior Settlement, or Conveyance, and every body hath not a Friend or Correspondent in such Counties; but there is no considerable person, but hath some Friend, Agent, Correspondent, or Acquaintance here, who may make a speedy search, and directly return an Answer.
- Fifth,* And it is known also to be much more easy, certain, and expeditious, to have Returns of Letters of Business from London, than from any other part of the Kingdom; nay, from any part of the same County that lyes at a distance by cross Roads; and after all such Delays, and Charge of sending into several Counties, at last there may be occasion to search for Judgments, Statutes, and Recognizances here; so that if the Registering of the Memorial of Conveyances, &c. be made in the Courts of *Westminster*, any Person searching for Judgments or Statutes in the Courts of *Westminster*, may also search the Register for Conveyances, &c.
- Sixth,* The greatest Settlements, Mortgages, &c. are usually made here, and so may presently be Registered in any of the Courts of *Westminster* at once, though the Lands lye never so far off, or in never so many Counties, which will give a quick dispatch to Business of the greatest Consequence.
- Seventh,* The Courts of *Westminster* are the chiefest Courts of the Kingdom, and the Officers there, are usually Men of good Knowledge and Ability, and are always near and under the Government of the Judges, even in the eye of Justice; so that upon the least miscarriage, they are immediately lyable to be turned out, or suspended their Offices, or otherwise punished, as the Case requires, and for that Reason a Register may be supposed to be better made and fairer kept by the Clerks, for inrollment of Deeds in the several Courts at *Westminster*, than in any other part of the Kingdom, or Remote Places from *Westminster-Hall*.
- Eighth,* Errors and Mistakes happening in the Registering of any Deed in the said Courts, may be more easy and better rectify'd by the Judges, than if the said Register be kept in the Country, as *Fynes and Recoverys*, wherein Mistakes often happen, are rectify'd by the strict Examination and great Care of the Judges.
- Ninth,* The Clerks for Inrolling of Deeds in the several Courts of *Westminster*, keeping the said Register, there needs no new Office or Officers to be made, whereas by making a Register in every County of the Kingdom, many new Offices and Officers must be Created, which hath always been observed, and found inconvenient and chargeable to the People of this Kingdom, and the said Clerks in the Courts of *Westminster* for Inrollment of Deeds, keeping the said Register, recourse may as well be had at their Offices, for the Inrollment of any old Deed, as for Registering of any new for the Future at the same time.